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DON'T LET MY WIFE HEAR YOU SAY THAT.

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WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASINO NIGHT CLUB STAYS IN THE CLUB, SIR.

DULY NOTED.

AND YOU ARE ...?

I'M JUST THE HUMBLE CONCIERGE.

I ANSWER TO THE CLUB'S OWNER. WHY, GOOD MORNING, MR. MOGUL!

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GEOFFREY ST. JOHN AND ROUGE THE BAT. TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOR OF BEING VISITED BY THE MOST RENOWNED SPIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KNOTHOLE AND UNITED FEDERATION?
JUST LOOKING FOR A GAME OF TWO-UP, MATE.
AND BEING GENERALLY IMPRESSED, MR. MOGUL. YOU TURNED ONE OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S OLD HOLDINGS...
...INTO AN INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS OVERNIGHT.
AS THE SAYING GOES, IF YOU CONSTRUCT IT, THEY WILL ARRIVE IN DROVES.
OF COURSE. WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO CLEAN OUT THE OLD ROBO-HOBO JUNGLE?
THE POOR LITTLE MACH-INATIONS...
...WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR CREATOR. I SIMPLY GAVE THEM A NEW PURPOSE.
AND I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE SAME REASON YOU ACQUIRED AND RELOCATED THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL BAR AND GRILL.
THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE WAS SEVERELY LACKING IN A SERVICEABLE KITCHEN. SHOULD MY PATRONS GO UNNOURISHED?
ITS REPUTATION WASN'T OFF-PUTTING?
I'M ALL ABOUT NEW BEGINNINGS, MS. ROUGE.
YOUR INVESTORS' MEETING IS READY, SIR.
EXCELLENT!
YOU MUST EXCUSE ME. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL UPON SCRATCH!

GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN. SHALL WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS?

DUR...WOW, COCONUTS! ME AND SCRATCH GOT SOME NICE JOBS, BUT YOU WORK DIRECTLY FOR DA' BOSS.

DON'T PATRONIZE ME, GROUNDER.

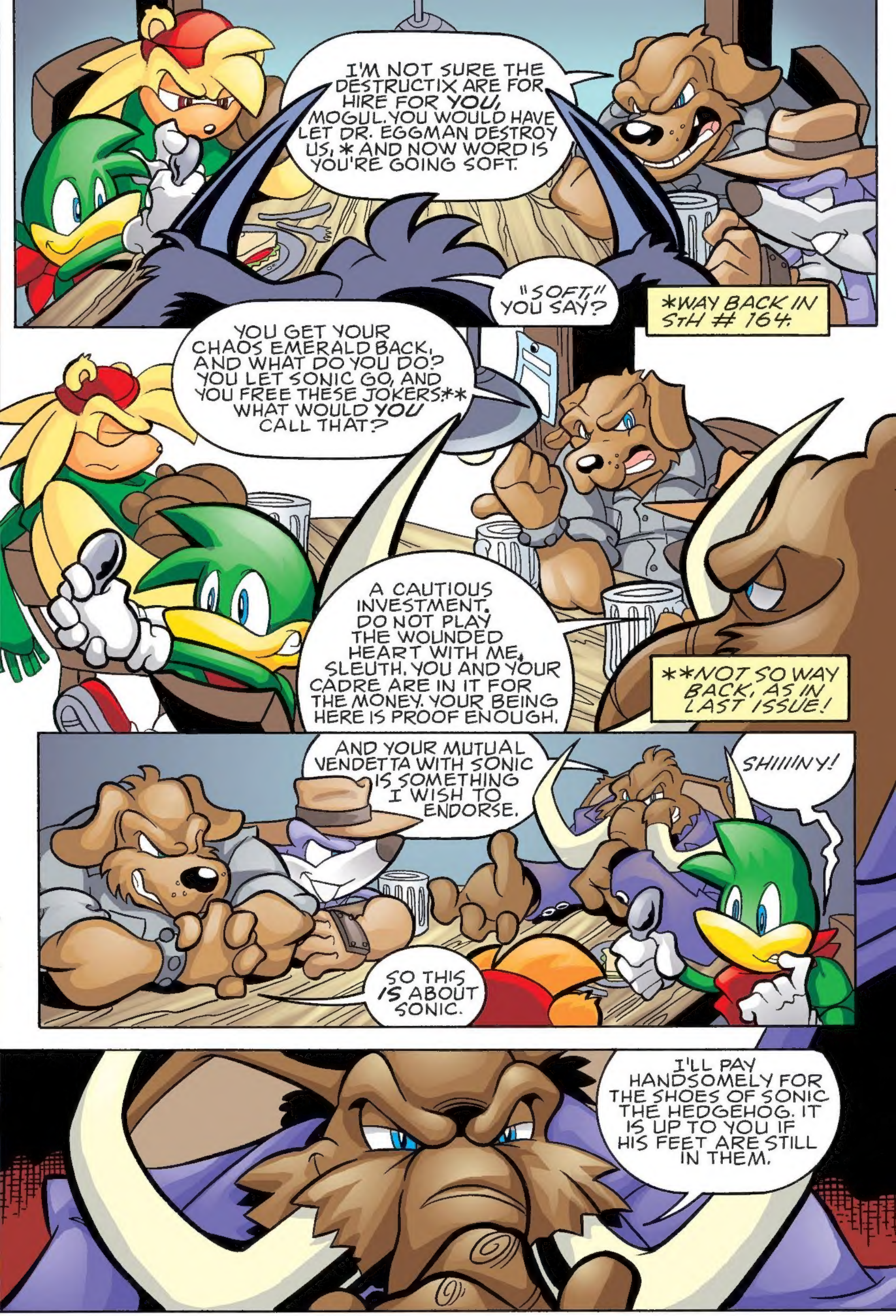
I WAS LEFT COMPACTED ON THE OCEAN FLOOR,* MY DREAMS FOR RE-BUILDING THE BADNIK HORDE AS CRUSHED AS I WAS.

*REMEMBER THE FUN IN STH # 185?

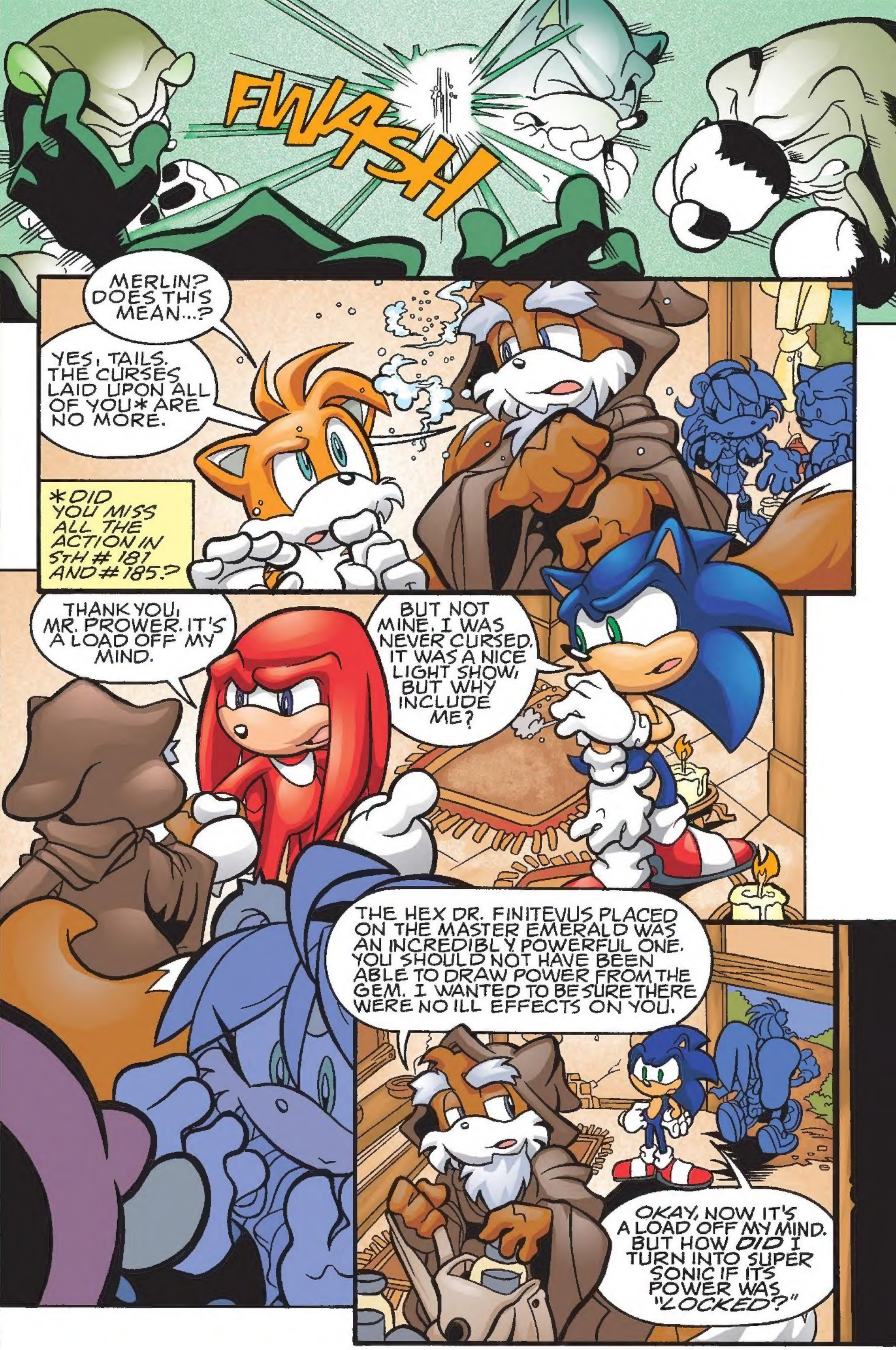
I CLAWED ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE COAST. I MADE IT ALL THE WAY BACK HERE ON MY LAST SERVO. I WAS GOING TO UNITE THE LAST BADNIKS AND RISE TO POWER!

AND NOW I'M A BUTLER MONKEY!

÷SIGH÷ SOME ROBOTS HAVE ALL DA LUCK!

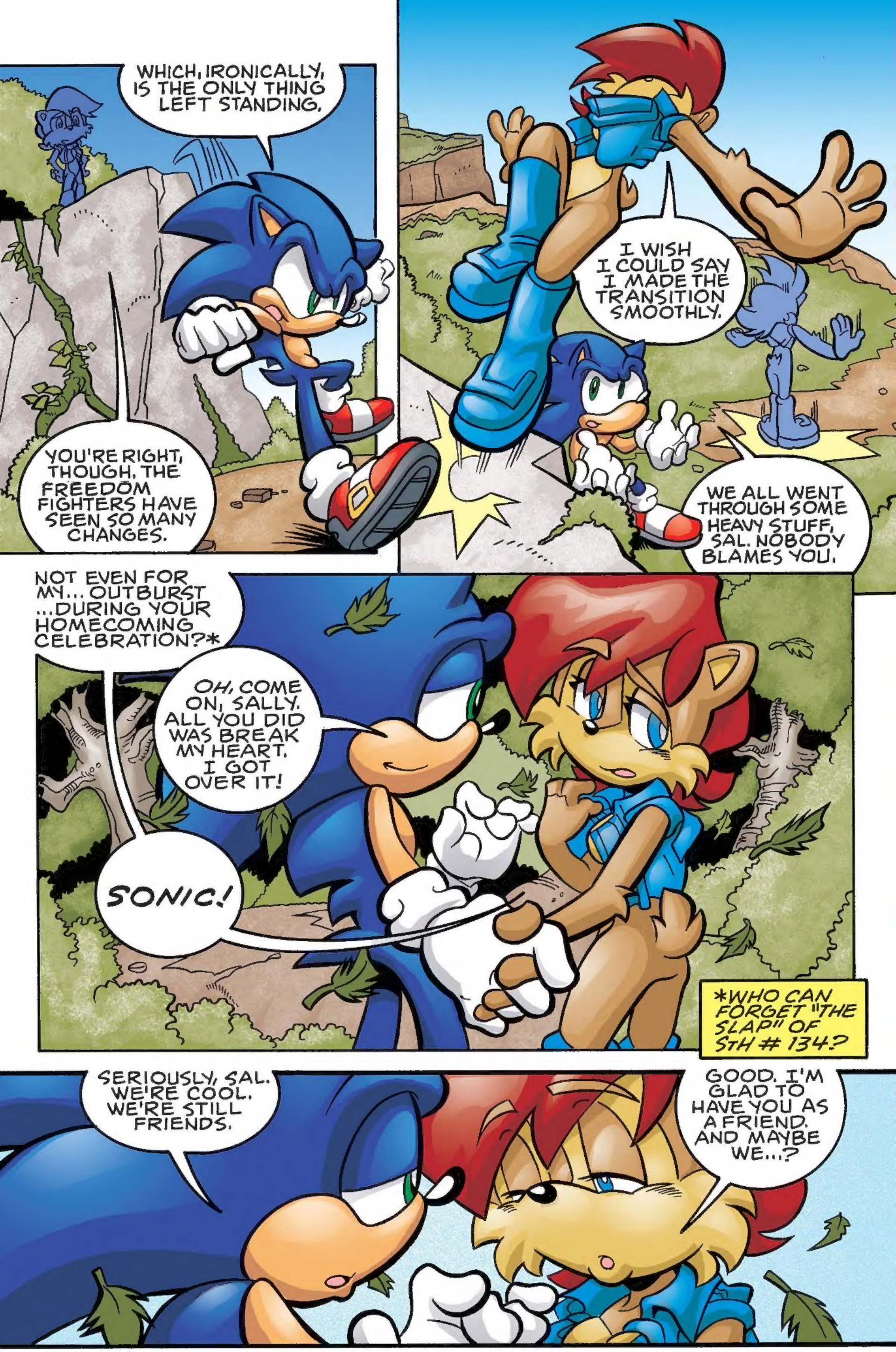

I'M NOT SURE THE DESTRUCTIX ARE FOR HIRE FOR YOU, MOGUL. YOU WOULD HAVE LET DR. EGGMAN DESTROY US, * AND NOW WORD IS YOU'RE GOING SOFT.
"SOFT," YOU SAY?
*WAY BACK IN STH # 164.
YOU GET YOUR CHAOS EMERALD BACK, AND WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU LET SONIC GO, AND YOU FREE THESE JOKERS.** WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THAT?
A CAUTIOUS INVESTMENT. DO NOT PLAY THE WOUNDED HEART WITH ME, SLEUTH. YOU AND YOUR CADRE ARE IN IT FOR THE MONEY. YOUR BEING HERE IS PROOF ENOUGH.
**NOT SO WAY BACK, AS IN LAST ISSUE!
AND YOUR MUTUAL VENDETTA WITH SONIC IS SOMETHING I WISH TO ENDORSE.
SHIIIINY!
SO THIS IS ABOUT SONIC.
I'LL PAY HANDSOMELY FOR THE SHOES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. IT IS UP TO YOU IF HIS FEET ARE STILL IN THEM.

MONSTARIS EXSECRATIBUS ME!


FWASH!
MERLIN? DOES THIS MEAN...?
YES, TAILS. THE CURSES LAID UPON ALL OF YOU* ARE NO MORE.
*DID YOU MISS ALL THE ACTION IN STH #181 AND #185?
THANK YOU, MR. PROWER. IT'S A LOAD OFF MY MIND.
BUT NOT MINE. I WAS NEVER CURSED. IT WAS A NICE LIGHT SHOW, BUT WHY INCLUDE ME?
THE HEX DR. FINITEVUS PLACED ON THE MASTER EMERALD WAS AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ONE. YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DRAW POWER FROM THE GEM. I WANTED TO BE SURE THERE WERE NO ILL EFFECTS ON YOU.
OKAY, NOW IT'S A LOAD OFF MY MIND. BUT HOW DID I TURN INTO SUPER SONIC IF ITS POWER WAS "LOCKED?"

THAT, I'M AFRAID, IS A MYSTERY. WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO MY NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.
RIGHT. YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY ON YOUR OWN?
I'M SURE. I HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.
WHY CAN'T YOU DO YOUR MEDITATIONS HERE? NICOLE COULD BUILD YOU WHATEVER YOU NEED...
I'M SURE SHE COULD, BUT IF I AM TO COME CLOSER TO THE CHAOS FORCE, I MUST DO SO BY MY OWN MEANS.
I'LL MISS YOU!
AND I YOU, MY PRECIOUS NEPHEW. GIVE MY LOVE TO YOUR PARENTS. I TRULY CANNOT AFFORD TO TARRY ANY LONGER.
YOU GONNA BE OKAY, LITTLE BRO?
Y-YEAH, I THINK I NEED TO WORK ON SOME-THING.
GIVE ME A SHOUT IF YOU NEED ME, OKAY? I'LL BE WITH SALLY. SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE ME.

SOON...
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE KNOTHOLE IS GONE. IT'S ONE THING TO LET GO, BUT TO EVEN ACCEPT IT...
IT EATS AT ME, TOO, SAL. I STILL FEEL LIKE I SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO MORE.
YOU SAVED US ALL FROM CERTAIN DOOM. ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
MAYBE FOR MOST FOLKS.
I'M USED TO SAVING YOUR TAIL.
HAR HAR.
SO WHY'D YOU WANT ME OUT HERE?
GET LONELY ON MEMORY LANE?
YES, HONESTLY.
I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT BEING IN THE GREAT FOREST WITHOUT THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
WE WERE JUST KIDS THEN, FIGHTING A GROWN-UP'S WAR. BUT IT NEVER FELT TOO BIG WHEN WE COULD COME BACK HERE. TO HOME.
YEAH. HARD TO BELIEVE ALL THE STUFF WE'VE OVERCOME SINCE THE DAYS OF THE OLD HIDE-OUT.


WHICH, IRONICALLY, IS THE ONLY THING LEFT STANDING.
YOU'RE RIGHT, THOUGH, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE SEEN SO MANY CHANGES.
I WISH I COULD SAY I MADE THE TRANSITION SMOOTHLY.
WE ALL WENT THROUGH SOME HEAVY STUFF, SAL. NOBODY BLAMES YOU.
NOT EVEN FOR MY... OUTBURST ...DURING YOUR HOMECOMING CELEBRATION?*
OH, COME ON, SALLY. ALL YOU DID WAS BREAK MY HEART. I GOT OVER IT!
SONIC!
*WHO CAN FORGET "THE SLAP" OF STH # 134?
SERIOUSLY, SAL. WE'RE COOL. WE'RE STILL FRIENDS.
GOOD. I'M GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS A FRIEND. AND MAYBE WE...?

A BOMB!
I SWEAR, THE TIMING OF THESE THINGS...
BAM
MORE INCOMING!
MORE THAN THAT! YOU MIGHT WANT TO STAND BACK.
BAM
BAM
BAM
CRASH
WE'RE BAAAAAACK!

WHEEEEE!
SURE DIDN'T TAKE YOU GUYS LONG TO GO ON THE OFFENSIVE.
AND SINCE YOU GUYS DO THIS KIND OF THING FOR A LIVING, I'M WILLING TO BET MOGUL IS PICKING UP THE TAB. DIDN'T TAKE HIM LONG, EITHER!
AND I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M GIVING ALL THE EXPOSITION! WOULD YOU SAY SOMETHING FOR ONCE?!
GET CLEAR! GET CLEAR! I'LL A'SPLODE HIM GOOD!
LET'S SEE IF THIS STILL WORKS...

HEY! THAT'S MY BOMB!
ER... YOU MEAN THIS SHINY BOMB?
DOES BEAN WANT THE SHINY?
WELL, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YES, IT'S QUITE THE SHINY, SHINY BOMB.
HE DOES, EVER SO MUCH.
THEN FETCH!
BAM
GOT IT!
HA-HA! NICE ONE, SALLY!
YAP! ARF! POLAR BEAR'S NAME!
POW
OW. NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION...

OH, LOOK! THE DESTRUCTIX. JUST WHAT I NEEDED!
SAVE YOURSELF SOME PAIN AND GIVE IT UP, HEDGEHOG.
WHEN THE ODDS ARE SIX TO ONE? THAT'S HARDLY A CHALLENGE! AND IT SEEMS YOU'RE DOWN TWO.
YOU MEAN SCOURGE AND FIONA? THEY BAILED ON US DURING THAT ENERJAK MESS.* NOT THAT WE NEED THEM FOR THIS JOB.
*WHAT'S ONE MORE ASTERISK? SEE STH # 184.
SUUUURE, YOU DON'T!
BOX HIM IN, BOYS. DON'T GIVE HIM ROOM TO DO ANYTHING.

THAT'S IT, GUYS! GET NICE AND CLOSE!
YOU'VE GOT ME ON THE ROPES NOW!
HAHA HA!
ARROGANT LITTLE--!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I COULD KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY!

OW! THERE'S THAT "PAYING ATTENTION" THING AGAIN...
YOU'LL BE PAYING MORE THAN THAT!
WE'VE SUFFERED ENOUGH INDIGNITY AT YOUR HANDS!
ESPECIALLY ME.
YOU KNOW WHAT, DRAGO?
POW
GET USED TO IT.

ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO! LISTEN UP!

YEAH! GIVE HIM A LEFT! AND ANOTHER! AND NO DESSERT AFTER DINNER!

I'LL ADMIT I'M OUT OF MY LEAGUE RIGHT NOW. AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE SONIC ALONE TO GET HELP. SO I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU...

I WANT TO HIRE YOU TO HELP SONIC. I CAN USE MY PULL AS PRINCESS TO DIMINISH YOUR SENTENCES AND OUTSTANDING CHARGES. WHATEVER YOU'RE BEING PAID, I'LL BEAT IT.

SO ...*NOT* WORK FOR MOGUL.

AND... WORK FOR YOU.

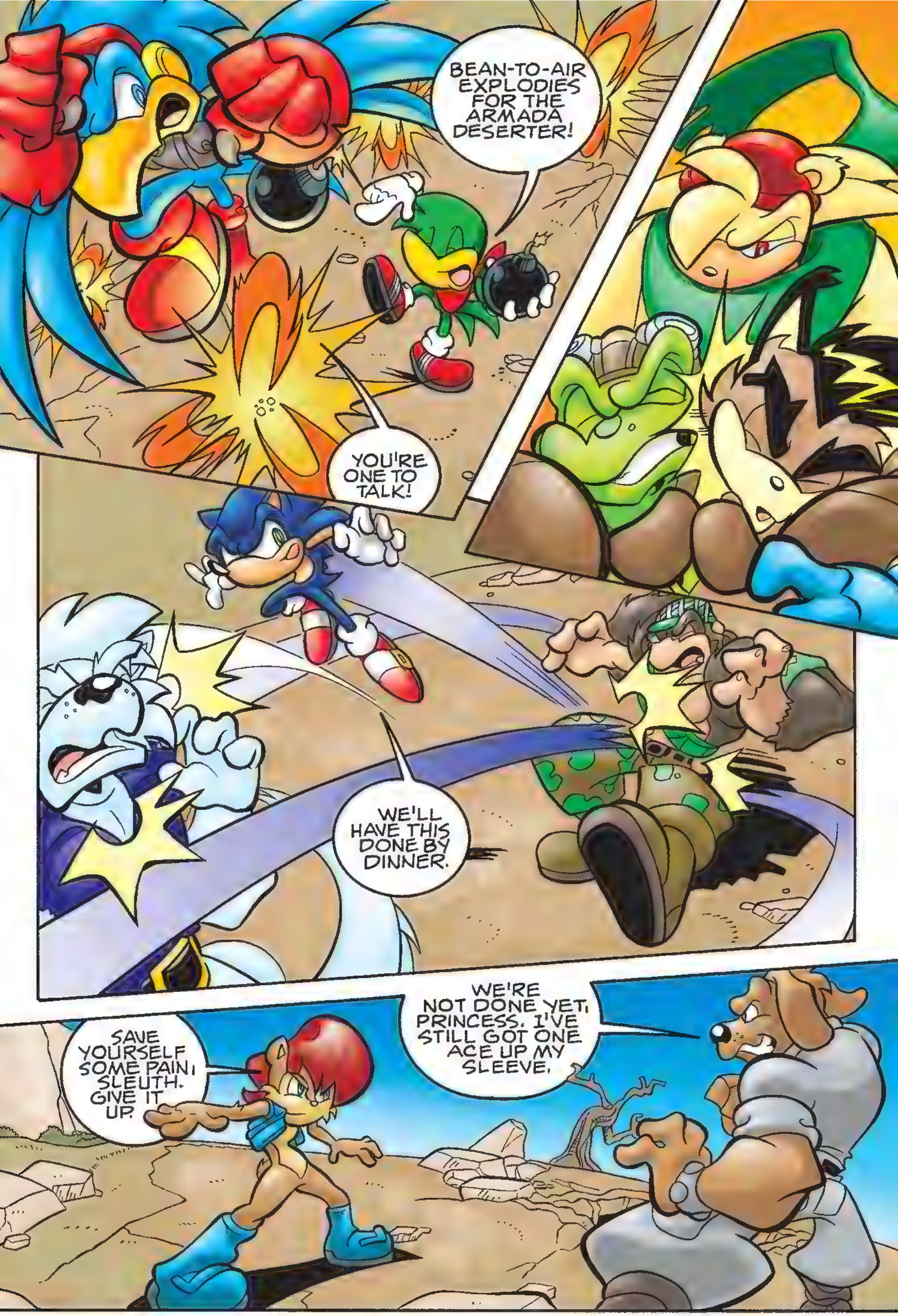
FOR MONEY.

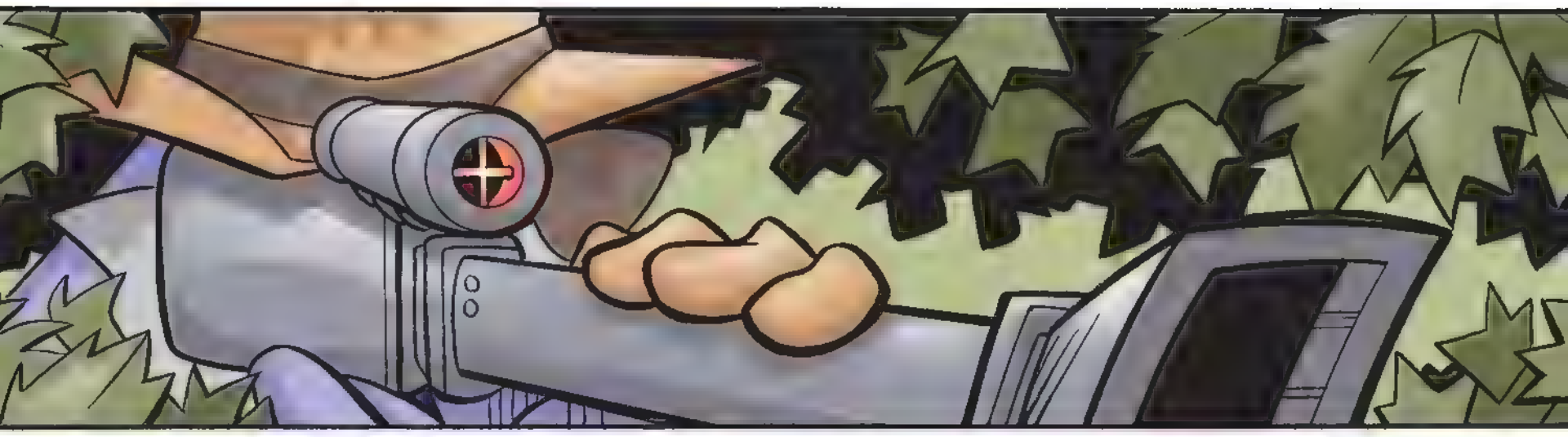
AND POSSIBLY CUPCAKES ???

RIGHT.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, BIG GUY? EASY MONEY IS EASY MONEY, RIGHT?

BLAST IT! I WON'T BE MISSING THIS TIME!
WHEE-HEE-HEE!
BAM
BAM
BAM
DIRTY BACK-STABBERS!
NICE, BUT WHY ...?
PRINCESSES TEND TO GET THEIR WAY. LET'S WRAP THIS UP, SHALL WE?
OH, LET'S!


BEAN-TO-AIR EXPLODIES FOR THE ARMADA DESERTER!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!
WE'LL HAVE THIS DONE BY DINNER.
SAVE YOURSELF SOME PAIN, SLEUTH. GIVE IT UP.
WE'RE NOT DONE YET, PRINCESS. I'VE STILL GOT ONE ACE UP MY SLEEVE.



BUT YOU KEEP YOUR SLEEVES ROLLED UP. WHERE ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR ACE?
CHKAW!
SONIC?!
ON YOUR FEET, DRAGO.

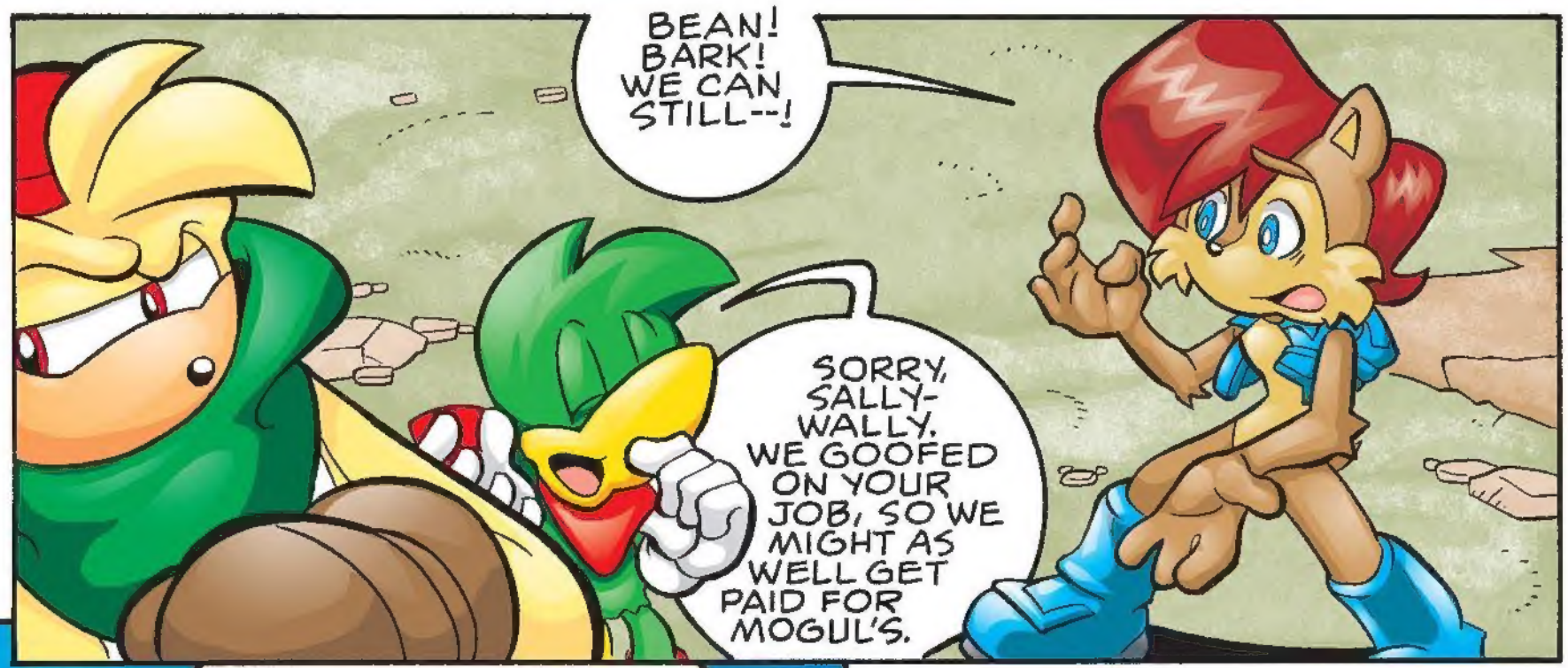
GO GET THE TRUCK.
SONIC!

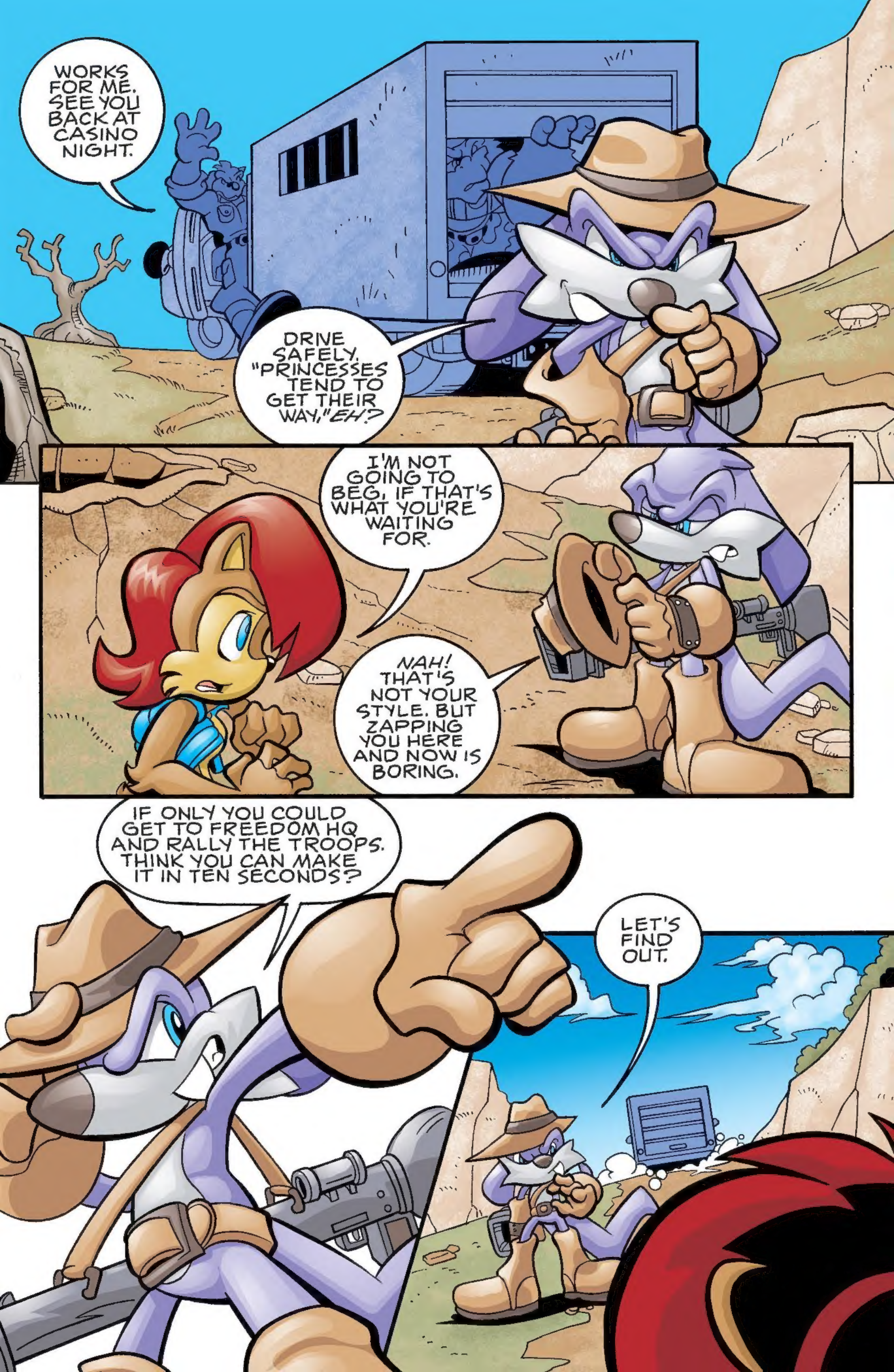
RELAX, TOOTS. HE'S JUST STUNNED. MORE INTERESTING THAT WAY, EH?

LET HIM GO!

OR WHAT, LITTLE GIRL?

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE US?




WORKS FOR ME. SEE YOU BACK AT CASINO NIGHT.
DRIVE SAFELY. "PRINCESSES TEND TO GET THEIR WAY," EH?
I'M NOT GOING TO BEG, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WAITING FOR.
NAH! THAT'S NOT YOUR STYLE. BUT ZAPPING YOU HERE AND NOW IS BORING.
IF ONLY YOU COULD GET TO FREEDOM HQ AND RALLY THE TROOPS. THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT IN TEN SECONDS?
LET'S FIND OUT.

TEN. NINE. EIGHT.
If only SONIC was the one running! Can SALLY get the help she needs? Can the help get to Sonic IN TIME?
Come back NEXT MONTH for the exciting CONCLUSION!
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Dear Sonic-Grams: Hey, whazzup!

Sup.

It's so cool that Sonic Grams and Art are back! Great job on the covers and art; especially you, Tracy Yardley! Is there any way to contact Sonic artists like Spaz, Tracy, and my classic favorite, Art Mawhinney?

Considering they're all probably reading this, I'd say you just did.

Do you think ya'll can do trades on Super Specials, just like Sonic Archives? You don't know how bad I wanna read those!

Oh, we sure DO know how bad you wanna read those, which is why, in just three short weeks, you can pick up the very first installment of the brand new series "SONIC SELECT"! Each volume will reprint 128 pages of the best of the best from the Sonic Super Specials, all digitally re-mastered like Sonic Archives! Book One will feature stories from "Sonic: In Your Face," "Sonic & Knuckles," "Triple Trouble," and "Sonic Live!" Pre-order your copies today: on sale May 2008!

(SHAMELESS PLUG #1)

Any big plans for issue #200? Or is it Top Secret?!

HA.

When will that lime furball Scourge go home?! Really, he's such a paint! He's caused so much trouble and drama...

Don't worry. You'll see Scourge soon enough.

Who's that female-looking version of Nack? Is that his sister or his girlfriend?

Be careful – Nack has zapped people for statements like that. Nic is his sister, NOT his girlfriend. She can be found in "Knuckles" issues 26-28– back order now! (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)

And that blue-green hedgehog with the brown hoodie and a bow and arrow, who is he??

Rob O' the Hedge wouldst be the hedgehog of whom you speakest! From the Kingdom of Mercia he be, and he appearethed in both Knuckles and Sonic comics alike, so orderath your issueseth today...eth! (Ye Olde SHAMELESS PLUGGE #3)

Whatever happened to the original Robotnik in issue #50? Is there any chance he'll come back?

Ah, the classic "Endgame" saga from SIH issues #47-50! The Robotnik vs. Eggman question dates back over ten years, and is much too detailed to go into here, so order your— ah, you get the idea (SHAMELESS PLUG #4).

Before I go, can you please explain to me how ya'll pick the fan art pictures?

- KENSLEY S.
FROM VA

You would like to know, wouldn't you?

Dear Sonic-Grams: I read all the Sonic Archives and was wondering if #7 and #8 will be coming out soon.

- CARL J.
FROM SC

Ah, now that's an easy one! Archives Volume 7 will be on sale in early June, and Volume 8 in early August.

That'll do it for this month's exciting installment of "Sonic-Grams: Back in Blue." Tune in next time for more laughs, tears, and misdirection, and as always: Keep on juicin'!

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"Beating the House" – The Freedom Fighters follow Sonic's trail to Mammoth Mogul's casino, where Mogul holds all the cards!!

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